Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The National Association of Professional Martial Artists is celebrating National Martial Arts Day on October 18, 2008, to unite millions of children and adults who participate in the martial arts; and,

Whereas, National Martial Arts Day seeks to introduce the values of self control, self discipline, personal defense, and physical fitness for every age, race, gender, and ability level; and,

Whereas, Martial arts provides a powerful foundation for emotional development and success skills that last a lifetime; and,

Whereas, The participation in martial arts builds strength, character, focus, flexibility, and coordination while enhancing performance in other sports, in the workplace, at home, and in school; and,

Whereas, Martial arts enhances self-esteem, goal setting abilities, anger management, and the skills of non-violent conflict resolution in people of all ages, helping them to become more productive and healthy people; and,

Whereas, On National Martial Arts Day, martial arts schools across the United States partner with the National Association of Professional Martial Artists to heighten the visibility of the arts and encourage participation at the grassroots level:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2008, as

MARTIAL ARTS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State